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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND
TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Sharma Docket No.: 20944.9000
Client No: 98RSS217

Serial No.: 09/370,508 Art Unit No.: 1765

Filed: August 6, 1999 Examiner: Deo, D.

Title: INORGANIC ARC PROCESS INTEGRATION FOR DEEP SUBMICRON
EMBEDDED FLASH MEMORIES

RESPONSE AND PROVISIONAL ELECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 3, 2001, please accept this response to the restriction requirement entered pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121 for the above-identified application.

The Examiner has entered a restriction requirement for the following groups of inventions:

Group 1 — Claims 1-10, 14-17, drawn to method, classified in class 438,
subclass 689; and

Group II — Claims 11-13, drawn to a product, classified in class 257,
subclass 437.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement; however, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.143, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Group I, claims 1-10 and 14-17, without prejudice to the filing of one or more divisional applications based on the subject matter of these claims.

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In particular, the Examiner asserts that "In the instant case the product can be used for patterning a non-semiconductor device." Applicant submits that the Examiner has failed to provide reasonable examples that recite material differences. See M.P.E.P. 806.05(e). As a preliminary matter, however, Applicant assumes that the Examiner meant to state that the "method" can be used for patterning a non-semiconductor device, rather than "the product." First, other than the overly broad assertion that a non-semiconductor device could be made using the claimed method, the Examiner has cited no reasonable examples of a product, made by the claimed process, which is a non-semiconductor device.

Furthermore, to the extent that the Examiner's broad assertion can be considered an "example," it fails to recite a difference which is "material." Consequently, a proper and thorough search for any one of the independent claims would satisfy most, if not all, of the searching requirements for the remaining independent claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's restriction requirement is improper. As applicant has convincingly traversed the erroneous restriction requirement, the burden has shifted to the Examiner to document a viable alternative process or product, or withdraw the requirement. M.P.E.P. 806.05(f).

The Examiner Reconsideration of this application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.143 is earnestly solicited and an indication from the Examiner that all of the claims will be considered for prosecution is requested. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the foregoing in greater detail, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,


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Dated: June 4, 2001

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Attached herewith is a Response to the Office Action mailed on May 3, 2001 in the above-identified application.

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Independent Claims	3	minus	3	=	2	x \$ 78.00 =	0.00
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